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Title: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR IMPROVING THE SPATIAL RESOLUTION FOR STRAIN IMAGING**THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
Washington, D.C. 20231**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND PETITION**

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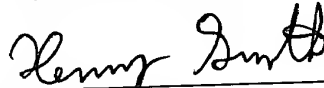
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Respectfully Submitted,



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